

# NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Unusually warm, dry weather continued its dominance across the State, with average temperatures 10 degrees or more above normal recorded at 35 of the 46 reporting weather stations during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. Precipitation was scarce, as measurable moisture was evident at just 10 weather stations, with the largest accumulation of 0.19 inch reported at Gallup. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels continued to deteriorate, with conditions now rated 27 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 30 percent last week, 56 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Average temperatures varied from 6 to 15 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 68 degrees at Eagle Nest to 91 degrees at Bitter Lakes, Picacho, and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 20 degrees at Eagle Nest to 52 degrees at Truth or Consequences. Range and pasture conditions varied depending on location, and were rated mostly fair. Reports from Union County noted that cattle were suffering due to the hot, dusty conditions. Additionally, producers in many areas were marketing animals despite unfavorable prices since pasture grass availability was declining, and wheat pastures were questionable due to poor emergence and crop growth. Overall, 39 percent of the recently seeded winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 61 percent last year. Reports from Dona Ana County indicated that approximately 20 percent of the pecan crop had been harvested, while the cabbage and lettuce harvest was not yet underway. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 20 percent light, 45 percent moderate, and 35 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 31 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 21 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 <sup>th</sup> cutting harvested .....	70	60	74	87
Chile				
Red harvested .....	57	48	58	43
Corn				
Mature .....	90	80	86	95
Harvested for grain.....	36	15	26	47
Harvested for silage .....	94	90	99	99
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	90	82	99	96
Harvested .....	39	19	39	24
Peanuts				
Harvested .....	65	55	61	57
Sorghum				
Mature .....	70	63	92	69
Harvested .....	8	2	31	16
Winter wheat				
Emerged .....	95	93	77	87
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves .....	50	52	61	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	56	51	78	NA

NA – not available

(-) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.8	6.8	6.5	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	11	12	36
Short.....	60	59	32	35
Adequate .....	26	29	53	28
Surplus .....	1	1	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	9	9	NA
Short.....	36	34	24	NA
Adequate .....	52	56	64	NA
Surplus .....	1	1	3	NA

NA – not available

(-) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Corn</b>				
Very poor.....	2	2	--	1
Poor.....	3	2	--	6
Fair.....	28	28	11	39
Good.....	47	48	53	39
Excellent.....	20	20	36	15
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	--	4
Poor.....	24	27	4	14
Fair.....	35	35	26	30
Good.....	35	31	60	31
Excellent.....	6	6	10	21
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	4	3	4	31
Poor.....	20	20	8	22
Fair.....	44	44	33	26
Good.....	26	28	44	17
Excellent.....	6	5	11	4
<b>Pecan</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	--
Fair.....	9	9	13	20
Good.....	42	42	77	58
Excellent.....	48	48	10	22
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	15
Poor.....	4	4	2	14
Fair.....	73	73	12	27
Good.....	22	22	81	42
Excellent.....	1	1	5	2
<b>Winter wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	27	25	--	NA
Fair.....	34	34	39	NA
Good.....	27	27	52	NA
Excellent.....	12	14	9	NA
<b>Cattle and calves</b>				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	34	34	24	NA
Good.....	53	53	62	NA
Excellent.....	7	7	11	NA
<b>Sheep and lambs</b>				
Very poor.....	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	12	16	NA
Fair.....	16	16	14	NA
Good.....	52	52	52	NA
Excellent.....	8	8	3	NA

NA – not available

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/New\\_Mexico/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2016/NM\\_Weather\\_10302016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_10302016.pdf)